

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed August 16, 2004 has been carefully considered. Claims 10-23 are currently pending. Claims 1-7 are cancelled. Claims 8-9 have been previously withdrawn. Claims 10-23 are new, and draw support, *inter alia*, from page 26, line 17 to page 27, line 26, and FIGS. 16-17. No new matter has been added by this Amendment.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claim 9 of existing United States Patent No. 6,748,258. As claim 1, and its dependents, have been cancelled, Applicants submit that this rejection is moot.

Objections to the Specification

Portions of the Specification were objected to for inconsistent indentation, namely the paragraphs under the Description of the Drawings pertaining to Figures 4A-4B, and 12. Applicants submit that the Amendments to the Specification remedy these objections.

Objections to the Claims

Claims 1-8 were objected to for lacking a colon. As claims 1-8 have been cancelled, Applicants request that these objections should be withdrawn.

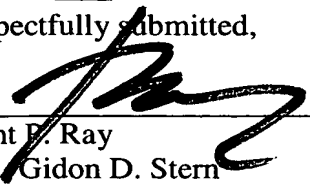
CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that claims 10-23 are in condition for allowance.

No fee is believed due for this response. If any fees are due, please charge such fees to Jones Day deposit account no. 503013.

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